

**AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL WORKER****LICENSING**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends the Social Worker Licensing Act by providing that an applicant for licensure must satisfactorily complete a program accredited by, or in candidacy for accreditation by, the Council on Social Work Education.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines the term "program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education" to include a program that was accredited, and a program that was in candidacy for accreditation, on the day on which the applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-60-202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 32

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-60-202** is amended to read:

**58-60-202. Definitions.**

In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as used in this part:

- (1) "Board" means the Social Worker Licensing Board created in Section 58-60-203.
- (2) "Practice of clinical social work" includes:

(a) the practice of mental health therapy by observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect modification of behavior by the application of generally recognized professional social work principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunction, the symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive behavior;

(b) the application of generally recognized psychotherapeutic and social work principles and practices requiring the education, training, and clinical experience of a clinical social worker; and

(c) supervision of the practice of a certified social worker or social service worker as the supervision is required under this chapter and as further defined by division rule.

(3) "Practice of certified social work" includes:

(a) the supervised practice of mental health therapy by a clinical social worker by observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect modification of behavior by the application of generally recognized professional social work principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunctions, the symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive behavior;

(b) the supervised or independent and unsupervised application of generally recognized professional social work principles and practices requiring the education, training, and experience of a certified social worker; and

(c) supervision of the practice of a social service worker as the supervision is required under this chapter and as further defined by division rule.

(4) "Practice as a social service worker":

(a) includes performance under supervision of a mental health therapist of professional services consistent with the education and training of a social service worker and the standards and ethics of the profession, including patient management activities;

(b) includes the supervised or unsupervised application of professional social work principles and practices and the practice of case management, which practices require only the education, training, and experience of a social service worker and are conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards and ethics of the profession; and

(c) does not include engaging in the practice of mental health therapy with an

63 individual, family, group, or any other persons.

64 (5) "Program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education" means a program  
65 that:

66 (a) was accredited by the Council on Social Work Education on the day on which the  
67 applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program; or

68 (b) was in candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education on the  
69 day on which the applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program.

70 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) "Supervision of a social service worker" means supervision conducted by an  
71 individual licensed as a mental health therapist under this title in accordance with division rules  
72 made in collaboration with the board.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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